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## BETHEL INN

### Happenings of the Week

Mrs. E. S. Glendon of Philadelphia, Pa., was an overnight guest at the Inn. Mr. Glendon has a fine stock farm at Quarryville, Pa.

Burton Rose of Cleveland was a week end guest at the Inn. Mr. Rose is a nephew of Mr. Wm. J. Upson, and expects to make an extended visit in Bethel.

Mr. Fred Wentworth of No. Bridge was an overnight guest at the Inn, coming to Bethel to bid good bye to friends who are soon to leave for New York.

Rev. John E. Stuchell of Cleveland was a week end guest at the Inn. He was charmed with the country and hopes to return and see it the coming summer. The weather was ideal on Friday, and on Saturday the snow storm was one of the most picturesque of the winter. Sunday the immense amount of snow on the trees made a wonderful picture, and on Monday the wind blew the snow around, giving a fine exhibition of all kinds of winter weather in New England.

The many friends of Leon H. Cilley, Manager of Bethel Inn, will be glad to know the doctor has reported his condition satisfactory, and told him all he had to do now was to get well. He has received many beautiful flowers, and letters and telegrams from all parts of the country. One letter from the Rev. Mr. F. H. Gilman, N. H., was particularly touching and gave him great pleasure. Mr. Cilley has always been a warm friend of the boys everywhere, and never misses an opportunity to help along any young man struggling for an education when it is possible for him to do so. The many expressions of sympathy have been a great comfort to both Mr. and Mrs. Cilley in this trying time.

### MISS PHEBE M. BUXTON.

Early in the morning of March 20th, one of Bethel's oldest inhabitants passed into the larger life, at the age of almost ninety-two years.

Miss Buxton was born on April 6, 1825, in the town of Cumberland. Her parents were William and Hannah Buxton. She came to Bethel in 1862, to care for her aged mother. In 1878, when her half sister, Hannah, died, she was left alone in her home on Church street, and since that time she has spent the winters in Massachusetts and in Cumberland, Maine, returning to Bethel for the summer. Several years ago, failing strength obliged her to close her house and she has since lived elsewhere in Bethel village.

Miss Buxton was one of the last real daughters of the Revolution, her father having been an officer in the war for independence.

"Clinging to the past in many ways, she has yet been progressive along all lines essential to true advancement. She was one of the trustees of the Bethel public library and a member of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union. She read widely. She was interested in medicine, and all sciences. She welcomed any means by which the suffering of man or beast was lessened, and humanity uplifted.

Some of her terse remarks might well become aphorisms; one of them being, "If there were more justice in the world, there would be less need of a savior." Yet she was always ready to help the needy and the distressed.

Miss Buxton was a botanist. Plants were her friends, and she called them all by name. She wondered and the wonder which she felt toward the whole world of green things showed her deep appreciation of those words in Genesis: "And God saw that it was good." For she, too, saw that it was good. As through Nature she looked up to Nature's God. The tiny twin flowers in blossom were to her as wonder as the roses in her garden.

Some years ago she was asked if she would like to live her life over again. Instantly and earnestly came the reply: "No, I want to go on."

As we feel that she has simply "gone on" after a long, well-spent life on earth. Something of the strength and endurance of the hills and sea, both of which she loved, seemed to have passed not only into her character, but into her apparently all body; for it held to life with a tenacity which would wear her spirit, making her eager for its release.

## 78th MAINE

### LEGISLATURE

#### Our Special Correspondent Writes of the Past Week's Work

The great spring drive has started in the 78th Maine Legislature. Last week's doings went along with a snap and vim that set the prognosticators of a March 30th close to saying jubilantly, "There, what'd I tell you!" Perhaps the best evidence of this efficient procedure is in the list of adjourned hearings for this week before the committees. They have dwindled from an approximate 275 to about a scant dozen. The judiciary committee closed its hearings, unforeseen events excepted, the middle of last week. Most of the hearings remaining are of minor importance.

The House last week passed the resolution submitting to the people an amendment to the Constitution giving the Governor the power to remove sheriffs where non-performance of duty is evident. This is one of the so-called liquor measures and, as such, is regarded as a considerable victory for the administration. The Senate on Friday passed the resolution in concurrence with the House by a vote of 23 to 2. Senators Goggin of Androscoggin and Butler of Knox being the only ones opposed. The measure was called up in the House on Thursday by Rep. Farrington of Augusta. Vigorous debate followed the motion for final passage, the chief features of which were the turning of P. J. Rossignol, a member of the administration's liquor program by speaking and voting against the bill, and the defection of Reps. Rounsefell of Portland and Benson of Clinton from the Republican ranks otherwise solidly in favor of the resolve. Two-thirds or 97 votes were required for passage. The final tally showed 101 for and 44 against. Three Democrats voted for the measure.

Another flurry came over the bill relating to the taxation of railroads, telegraph and telephone companies. The Senate accepted the majority report, "ought not to pass," but the House took it to its bosom the minority report, "ought to pass." The Senate adhered to its former action, which would appear to mean the death of the act.

A resolution, condemning any action on the part of citizens of this country, which should result in a railroad strike at this time and invoking the patriotic manhood of the nation to protest against it was adopted by both branches of the Legislature on Friday.

Hydro-electric development still continues to rattle legislative waters. Rep. Baxter of Portland is making a desperate fight, on the face of things, for conserving of power to the State of Maine, with a trend toward State ownership. His big hearing came last week before the judiciary committee on his bill to provide for a State water power commission, and an investigation of the water powers of the State. It met about the same reception as the Dutton bill of the week before when the attorney for the corporations got in their due work. The Dutton bill has been reported from the committee, "ought not to pass." In an opinion introduced at the Baxter bill hearing, former Chief Justice L. A. Emerson answered the question, "Can the Legislature authorize the expansion of water powers to be taken from them by the law of eminent domain?" Justice Emerson said, "I think the answer has been answered authoritatively and decisively in the negative to the court in *Hudson vs. Knoll* 1840, Maine 251."

Among the measures introduced last week was one by Rep. Cole of Ellsworth to amend the Revised Statutes relating to the prohibition of the transmission of electric power beyond the limits of the State. The export of such power would be permitted only after the corporation "shall have established to the satisfaction of the public"

Those who were privileged to know her best will remember her keen appreciation of all things worthy, her discriminating judgment, and the fidelity of her friendship.

Funeral services will be held at Garland Chapel on Friday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock. The Rev. Israel Jordan of Falmouth will conduct the services.

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## THE WIDOW'S ALLOWANCE

### Paper Read by Judge A. E. Herrick at Banquet of Oxford Bar Association

I was asked to take a little of your time at this gathering and it was suggested to me that I speak along some line connected with Probate Law and Practice. I doubt my ability to say anything that will interest you. The final disposition of a man's estate through the Probate Court is not an event which he contemplates with great pleasure.

I have thought that the rights of widows and especially their right to an allowance out of the estate would strike a sympathetic chord in your hearts. Besides it has the merit of dealing with a live subject. I have noticed that widows are very much alive when the question of an allowance is raised; and if by any chance they are unaware of their rights, some kind and sympathetic friend is sure to tell them.

When questions pertaining to the distribution of estates among heirs are under consideration, parties are very zealous of their rights and sometimes they develop toward each other a hatred and bitterness which have no parallel in any other class of cases. This condition is rarely found in hearings for an allowance. Instead of a demand for the application of the stern principles of the law, the request more often comes in the form of an appeal, leaving for its foundation equity and sympathy.

Attorneys appearing for the widow always act up to the part. One often feels that Mark Antony's words would be appropriate: "If you have tears prepare to shed them now." Such an appeal finds a ready response in the Judge.

He may neglect to provide for his family, his children may go without shoes, but he is never permitted to fail the widow.

Sentiment is often more powerful than reason. Judges are sometimes human and they are always generous, especially when it comes to giving away other people's money.

So it happens that what originally may have been intended as a proceeding to relieve the present and temporary necessities of the widow, by the decisions of the Court, developed into a process which allows Judges of Probate to exercise a wide discretion in an attempt to secure for her a proper and just share in the estate.

We inherited from Massachusetts our statute on this subject. The courts of that State at first were inclined to give the statute a liberal construction. But in 1925 the commissioners for revising the statute made a statement in their report that the intention was that the allowance was not to compensate the widow for any apparent injustice to which she may have, in any case, been exposed by the statute rules of distribution, or by the will of her husband, but that it was merely to furnish her with a reasonable maintenance for a short time and until some other arrangement could be made. It being understood at the same time that it should always be of small amount, and as not to be sensibly felt by others who were interested in the disposition and distribution of the estate. This interpretation of the statute by the commission was not taken seriously either by the Judges of Probate or by the courts of appeal. Many allowances were made for in excess of what was reasonable for the temporary necessities of the widow.

But in 1901 the whole matter was brought up to the Supreme Court on an appeal from the decree of the Judge of Probate of Suffolk County, granting an allowance of \$3,000. The language of the statute upon which the petition for allowance was based is as follows: "Such parts of the personal estate of a deceased person as the Probate Court, having regard to all the circumstances, may allow as necessary to his widow, for herself and for his family under her care, shall not be taken as assets for the payment of debts."

The full court was divided. The majority held that the interpretation given by the commissioners was the correct one, and reduced the allowance for the widow to \$500. This sum they found to be as large as could properly be given for her immediate necessities. When we consider the facts, which

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## GRANGE NEWS

**PLEASANT VALLEY GRANGE.**  
Pleasant Valley Grange, No. 136, held its regular meeting Tuesday evening, March 13. There were twenty-five members present. The usual business being attended to the following literary program was given:  
Song, J. A. Brown  
Recitation, Mrs. Mabel Carpenter  
Grange closed in form.

**FRANKLIN GRANGE.**  
Franklin Grange held its regular meeting, Saturday P. M., March 17. Twelve applications were received. The following program was given:  
Music, Elva Abbott  
Choir, Elva Abbott  
Farrar, "How the Story Grew," by eight ladies.  
Song, "Indiana,"  
Ned Lovejoy, Dana Dudley

**ALDER RIVER GRANGE.**  
This Grange held its regular meeting, Wednesday evening, March 14. An invitation was read from Bethel Grange, inviting this grange to their all day meeting on March 22. Literary program:  
Question—Is raising sweet corn more beneficial to the farmer than raising potatoes? Opened by Guy Bartlett, discussed by L. E. Cole, Ceylon Kimball, Russell Swan and Frederick Bean. The question being a tie it was voted to discuss it further at the next meeting.

Piano Solo, Miss Ethel Cole  
Clipping, Frederick Bean  
Reading, Mrs. May M. L. L. L.  
Reading program for next meeting by the worthy lecturer, Grange closed in form.

**PARIS GRANGE.**  
March 17 all but two of the regular officers of Paris Grange were present, when Master Dudley called to order at 11 A. M. The Milk Producers' Association held a meeting in one of the ante rooms in the A. M. The Grange had invited them to dinner. There were quite a number there who do not belong to the Grange. An open meeting was held and the following program was carried out:  
Dialogue, L. A. Brooks and wife  
Piano Solo, Fred Brooks  
Paper on Woman Suffrage, Anne Wheeler  
Reading, F. B. Adams and G. A. Yeaton discuss the question of woman suffrage.  
Reading, F. B. Adams, State Dairy Inspector, discussed the milk question from the producer's standpoint.  
G. A. Yeaton described the blisters brought on the white pine.  
A vote of thanks was given to both for their aid on the program. Next meeting, April 7. April 21 will be observed as "All Members' Day," and the Brothers have charge of the dinner.

**LONE MT. GRANGE.**  
Lone Mt. Grange, No. 131, Andover, Me., met for its regular meeting, last night, March 17. Meeting called to order at 10:30, about eighty being present. The usual routine of business carried through. Bro. J. P. Taylor acted as financial committee reporter. It was reported that the new plans for the hall were all paid for except \$20. It was voted that the Grange send Bro. and Mrs. Abbott who is in Mr. Taylor's Hospital for an operation, flowers and a postal shower. This meeting being during the morning session, we listened to a tribute of respect paid by Mrs. Geo. Learned to the charter members very able speaker. The charter members were treated as guests of honor, and as the pianist played a march, the charter members, feeling coffee and pastry, served by the broth-ers. The tables were prettily decorated in honor of St. Patrick's Day, green and white, a special table being reserved and more elaborately decorated for the charter members. After the program was carried out, furnished by Mrs. Geo. Learned. The program was opened by a feature entitled "Distinctive Phases of our Country Past with its history which is now in the making. To piano music the guests marched in, first a staid Indian and his squaw, next John and Priscilla Alden, followed next by a Revolutionary soldier and wife, then Uncle Sam and Miss Columbia, then a boy of '61 and a Spanish war veteran each in appropriate costume.

## CHURCH ACTIVITIES

**UNIVERSALIST CHURCH.**  
Subject of the morning sermon next Sunday will be, "Today and Tomorrow."

The leading thought of the evening service will be, "Christian Growth, Jesus' Parables Relating To Christian Development."  
The social at the chapel last Thursday evening was a success in every way. It was an enjoyable occasion and those who missed it, missed an evening's pleasure which cannot be duplicated at present.  
The storm of Saturday prevented the Social Six from holding their meeting.

**CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.**  
There will be a rehearsal of Easter music at Dr. Wight's this Wednesday evening. All our singers are cordially invited to come and swell this chorus. The Ladies' Club will meet with Mrs. George Harlow, Thursday afternoon at three o'clock.  
The theme of the Sunday morning sermon will be, "A Christian Memory."

Mrs. Curtis will lead the Christian Endeavor service next Sunday evening. Topic, "The Saloon, the Fate of Society." There will be special music. All Scouts of Troop 2, who have not passed to second class, are invited to the paragon next Monday evening at 7 o'clock.  
The Sunday school is rehearsing for the Easter concert.

**METHODIST CHURCH.**  
The Alphabet Sale by the Ladies' Aid last night was, after a very successful. The tables which were well covered as well as very prettily decorated when the sale opened were almost bare when the supper hour brought the final rush on the food supplies. The ladies realized a satisfactory sum for their labor and originality.

On Thursday evening of this week the Woman's Missionary Society held their annual Mite Box opening at the home of Mrs. Alanson Tyler. All who have mite boxes are expected to bring or send them that the contents may be forwarded before the end of the church year.

A social is planned at the church for Friday evening for all young people of the church who are twelve or over. This will be the last social gathering of the current church year.  
Sunday morning topic, "The Man, the Church and the Community."

Private attire accompanied by their wives, each couple as they entered the hall being introduced by Mrs. O. A. Burgess. Behind came several small children bearing American flags who were announced as "our coming Patriots," next came the charter members, who as they marched around the hall went to their places assigned them as officers for the afternoon. Then a tableau of the guests was formed on the stage and all sang America.

**GOVERNMENT SEEDS.**  
A letter from Senator Bert M. Farwell of Maine informs us that seeds designed for Maine, under the Government's free distribution plan, will be shipped from Washington about March 15. This will mean that the supply which the Senator has arranged for the citizens to distribute among its members ought to be available by the 20th of March.

**MUSCLE SORENESS RELIEVED.**  
Muscular work, bending and lifting or strenuous exercise is a strain on the muscles, they become sore and stiff, you are crippled and in pain. Sloan's Liniment brings you quick relief, easy to apply, it penetrates without rubbing and drives out the soreness. A clear liquid, cleaner than many plasters or ointments, it does not stain the skin or clog the pores. Always have a bottle handy for the pains, aches of rheumatism, gout, lameness, grippe, bruises, stiffness, backache, and all external pains. At your druggist, 25c. Adv.

Dean's Rheumatic Pills for Rheumatism and Neuralgia. Relatively vegetable.

## WANT COLUMN.

Put your Want and Sale notices here and they will be read in 3,000 Oxford County homes—4 lines, 1 week, 25c. 3 weeks 60c.

### NOTICE.

I wish to announce to the people of Bethel and vicinity that I am prepared to do all kinds of plumbing and repair work at a reasonable price, also sheet metal work. All work carefully and promptly attended to.  
ALBERT BURKE,  
Bethel, Maine.  
Telephones—Shop, 10-12; Res., 29-7

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O. C. BRYANT,  
2 Mechanic Street, Bethel, Maine.  
Telephone Connection.

**DR. AUSTIN TENNEY, Oculist.**  
Practice limited to diseases of the Eye and the Fitting of Glasses. Office at house of Clarence Hall, Bethel. Last Saturday of every month. All work guaranteed.  
Office hours—8.00 A. M. to 4.00 P. M.

### SHOE REPAIRING.

Neatly and Promptly Done.  
Laces, Polishers, Whiting, Etc.  
A. B. BUXTON,  
Bethel, Maine.  
Opposite N. F. Brown's.

### FOR SALE.

Ten tons of good hay. Inquire of  
MRS. J. C. BILLINGS,  
Bethel, Maine.

### RAGS WANTED.

Will pay 3 cents per pound for clean rags suitable for wiping presses.  
CITIZEN OFFICE.

### FOR SALE.

Pair bay horses, well matched, good workers or drivers, either single or double; also set of work harnesses, two horse wagon gear, and hay rack, all in good condition.  
P. M. BARKER,  
Bethel, Maine.

### TATTOOING.

Made very neatly and at a reasonable price.  
WESTATT CLUB,  
Inquire of Mrs. Thomas Browne.  
3-15-17.

### NOTICE.

Typewriter to let by the week or month. 50c per week, \$2.00 per month. Inquire at  
CITIZEN OFFICE,  
Bethel, Maine.

### LOST, STRAYED OR STOLEN

On Feb. 15, 1917, a brown and yellow colored dog, answers to the name of Towser. Owner's name on collar. Reward offered. Please notify  
ABNER B. KIMBALL,  
Route 3, Bethel, Me.

### PARENT-TEACHER MEETING.

There will be no Parent-Teacher meeting this week, owing to the schools being closed.

### HATCHING EGGS.

From a good laying strain of Barred Plymouth Rocks. \$1.00 per setting.  
P. B. MERRILL,  
Bethel, Maine.

### GROUP OF PLAYS

Will be given at  
MR. URSON'S MUSIC ROOM,  
Tuesday Evening, April Third,  
Under the direction of Miss Schoenle of the Cincinnati Dramatic School.

### SHOES

A fine line of men's heavy shoes for spring.  
Heavy calked river driver shoes.  
All kinds of foot wear for the whole family.

Shoe and rubber repairing of all kinds. All work guaranteed.  
All orders and repair work sent post paid.

### YOUNG'S SHOE STORE.

Phone 14-4.



YOU should now be planning your

## Spring Clothes

The new spring garments are here in such a big variety that you can decide now on several models that will look well on your figure. Prices are very modest.

**WOOLTEX** coats and suits are very pleasing when you first see them, and more so when they give real service. The styles are conservative, but becoming to nearly every one.

Suits priced \$22.45 to \$35.00

Coats priced \$16.45 to \$32.50.

**OTHER GOOD MAKES** of coats and suits that we know will fit well, and will give you big value for the money you pay. No two alike in the better grades. Popular colors are Gold, Apple Green, Rose, Roanoke, Copen and always the staple Navies.

Suits priced \$14.95 to \$20.75.

Coats priced \$7.95 to \$24.75.

We fit all suits and coats free of charge.

**RAIN COATS.** The spring rains will begin soon when a good rain coat will save a cold.

**SPECIAL** ladies' and misses' sizes tan rubber coated material, velvet collar, cut real full, belt, cemented shoulder seams, a new coat, only \$3.95. Other good rain coats, rubber coated and cravenetted, \$4.95 to \$12.45.

**CHILDREN'S RAIN COATS** of tan, rubber coated goods, a school bag and rain hat of same material. Size 6 to 14 years and only \$2.95.

**DRESS SKIRTS.** You should see our assortment of plaids and stripes in silk and wool goods, \$5.95 to \$9.75.

**BIG SHOWING** of plain colors in mohair, serge, poplin, washable corduroy, \$4.95.

**NEW KIMONOS.** Spring assortment includes the serpentine crepes, imported Japanese crepe and silk, prices \$1.00 to \$4.95.

### SPRING SHIRT WAISTS

Dozens of beautiful styles and in a great variety of colors and materials.

**SPORT WAISTS** of stripe voile, also the plain white of voiles and muslin, big values, 98c.

**SPECIAL VALUE WAISTS** in voiles, lace insertion and edge trimmed, large deep collar, all sizes, 34 to 46, \$1.25.

**HEAVY JAP SILK WAISTS** are selling very fast in the sport colors, Flesh, Peach, Maise, Nile, special showing at \$1.98.

**CREPE DE CHENE AND GEORGETTE WAISTS** for dressy wear, white and the light tints, all sizes 34 to 50, \$3.45, \$3.98 and \$4.95.

### DAINTY

#### SPRING NECKWEAR

New styles coming in every few days. We are always glad to have you come in and see the new styles, priced 25c to \$1.50.

#### SPRING YARD GOODS

If you do not find what you want in our ready-to-wear department, we have thousands of yards of the newest materials for all kinds of spring clothes for women or children.

Cotton goods that will wash and silk, woolens, crepes.

**GINGHAMS.** Fast colors, stripes and check patterns, 15c yard.

**PERCALES.** Best quality, shirting stripes, dark, light, for dresses, aprons, 15c.

**BEACH CLOTH** in sport stripes and color dot, voiles, madras, white or colors, 25c.

If you cannot come to the store send for samples. We deliver all goods free.

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NORWAY,

MAINE

Miss Keweenaw Robinson of Milan, N. H., is a guest of friends.

Miss Zella Kimball from Albany is visiting Mrs. Wm. Lowe.

Mr. Thomas Brown is at home, having finished work in the woods.

Mr. Sidney Jodrey has recovered so he has resumed work for the U. T. E.

The W. C. T. U. held an interesting meeting at the home of Mrs. Horace Andrews last Tuesday. The program was appropriate to the observance of the birthday anniversary of Mrs. Neal Jew and Mrs. L. M. N. Stearns. Pictures of their life and work were read by the members and also a poem written by Miss Isabel Shilley on the occasion of their birthday when Portland did much to honor her beloved cities, also a poem by Mrs. Caroline Rich and one from the pen of Mrs. Donald Macintosh, then pastor of the Congregational church in North Waterford. Miss Kate Howe gave personal reminiscences of both Mrs. Jew and Mrs. Stearns, and Miss Hiram Howe read a poem written by her sister, Miss Loretta Howe and dedicated to Mr. Jew on his sixtieth birthday.

Mrs. Adelle Chomere is visiting relatives in Albany.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Brown were in Gorham, N. H., last week.

Mrs. I. H. Wight was the guest of relatives in Gorham last week.

Mrs. Parker of Milan, N. H., is visiting her brother, Harrold Ames.

Gordon Allen went to Portland, Saturday, where he intends to get work.

Mr. Forest Conant of Hebron was the guest of friends in town last week.

Mr. Mason Allen of Bryant's Pond was a week-end guest of Mr. I. L. Carver.

Mrs. Lillian Stowell was the guest of relatives at Gorham, N. H., last week.

Miss Jessie Hedges, who is teaching at Livermore Falls, is spending her vacation at Rev. T. P. Chapman's.

Mrs. Lenna Merrill went to the Central Maine Hospital, Lewiston, last Wednesday for treatment.

Mr. Ira Jordan was in Portland, Friday.

Mr. W. J. Upson was in Portland last Friday.

Mr. P. Benson Norton was the week-end guest of friends in town.

Mrs. D. L. Bryant of Bangor is the guest of relatives in town.

Mr. Stuart W. Goodwin was a business visitor in town, Monday.

A number of the lumber men have broken camp and returned home.

Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Parker from Sandy River were week-end visitors at Howard Colburn's.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Hastings were guests of Mrs. Hastings' aunt, Mrs. Lilla Locke, at Norway last week.

Mr. Harris White and son, Maynard, of Haverhill, Mass., were guests of Mr. and Mrs. William Lowe last week.

Miss Mary Garman was the guest of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Garman, at Sandy River last week.

### BETHEL and Vicinity

Mrs. T. B. Burke is recovering from an attack of the grip.

Marjory Allen spent the week-end with friends in Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Smith from Sandy River were in town, Friday.

Miss Margaret Poole was in Oxford and Lewiston, Sunday and Monday.

Mr. William Lowe has been confined to the house the past few days with a severe cold.

The Weetatt Club will meet with Mrs. W. H. Young on Thursday of this week at 2:30.

Mr. H. H. King has sold his livery business to Mr. Horace Littlefield of Bryant's Pond.

Mrs. Irving French from Newry Corner was in Bethel calling on friends the last of the week.

The Crochet Club met with Misses Helen Frost and Lena Durkee at Dr. J. G. Gehring's, Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lorin Glines and daughter, Ruth, returned from Magalloway the last of the week.

Mrs. Chas. L. Davis, who has been visiting Mrs. William Kendall at Gorham, N. H., returned home Monday.

Mr. Fred White, who has been working at Richardson Pond this winter, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. William Lowe.

Miss Clara Goodwin of Lewiston arrived last week to take the place vacated by Mrs. Bessie Sloan at the Dormitory.

Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Wheeler went to Gilsum, Saturday to spend several weeks with Mr. and Mrs. Chester Wheeler.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Lowe of Bryant's Pond are receiving congratulations on the birth of a daughter, born March 12.

Another moving picture show will be given in Odeon Hall, Friday evening, Mar. 23, under the auspices of the Masonic Lodge.

Miss Florence Springer accompanied her little sister, Josephine, to the Maine General Hospital in Portland, where she had an operation upon her throat.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Rayford, who have been running Smith's Hotel, have moved onto their farm at East Bethel and their places have been taken by Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Moody.

Everett Smith went to Portland, Monday, where he has a position on the electric cars, and will move his family there as soon as he gets a suitable rent.

The annual inspection of Bethel Lodge, No. 97, P. & A. M., will be held Thursday evening, Mar. 22, with Ernest J. Record, D. D. G. M., of South Paris as inspecting officer.

Friends of Frank H. Sawyer will be sorry to hear of his death in San Diego, California, Feb. 21. Mr. Sawyer was formerly a student at Odeon's Academy, and was calling on friends in town only last summer.

Mrs. Harry Jannan and Mrs. P. C. Andrews were in Lewiston, Sunday, to visit Walter Jannan, who is in the Central Maine Hospital. They found he was very much improved and will be able to return home in a few days.

Attractive display of new goods at L. M. Stearns', Mar. 23 and 24. Adv.

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That's just the wonderful thing about the Playerpiano. It makes your dreams come true! It brings to you instantly the facility which you have long envied in others, whose life was so arranged as to permit them to master the piano while you were denied this Opportunity.

Love of Music, desire to play—and now, ability to play the piano as you wish—these spell Happiness. Come in To-day. Write for catalogues and prices.

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Judge A. E. Herrick, H. H. Hastings, Esq., and E. C. Park, Esq., attended Probate Court at South Paris, Tuesday.

The W. C. T. U. will meet with Mrs. Cross at Mrs. G. P. Bean's, Tuesday afternoon, Mar. 27. Special program.

**ALBANY.**

Old Winter seemed loath to leave us and the day he took his departure Mr. Wind helped him pile the snow upon our already enormous drifts.

Miss Anna Cummings, who has been spending several weeks with her sister, Mrs. Angie Bean, has gone to Oxford to visit friends there.

Wm. Grover moved Arthur Andrews' goods from South Paris to the Austin S. Hutchinson place which Mr. Andrews purchased. His family

Wednesday on a business trip.

A. G. Bean attended court at South Paris, last Tuesday.

Now shirt waists and neckwear at L. M. Stearns'.

Attractive display of new goods at L. M. Stearns', Mar. 30 and 31. Adv.

Millinery Opening, Friday and Saturday, Mar. 30 and 31, at L. M. Stearns'. Adv.

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## SPRING MILLINERY OPENING

Friday and Saturday, March 30 and 31

Large variety of shapes in HATS, large and small,  
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### TABLE TALK

The Secret of Making Many Kinds  
Cake Is Easily Learned.

Anna Barrows.

There are cakes and cakes, big and little, loaf and layer, of many colors, flavors and frostings, yet in all many receipts there are just two types of cakes, the sponge cake and the butter cake.

In modern cook books are sometimes find the old-fashioned directions for sponge cakes: "The weight of the egg in sugar and half the weight of the egg in flour." Sugar is about twice as heavy as flour so that according to the modern way of measuring, the formula would be equal measures of sugar, egg and flour. To these proportions, with slight variation, we may reduce most cake receipts. Eggs vary much in size so that it may take only three or even as many as six eggs to fill a cup. Many receipts give these proportions: Four or five eggs, one cup of sugar, one cup of flour; a little salt and lemon juice and grated rind are commonly added.

The original sponge cakes were made before baking powder was invented. Now we try to make more cake with the same number of eggs, or a cake of the same size with fewer eggs, so we often see receipts where water is added and more flour and the cake rises by one or two teaspoonfuls of baking powder.

An angel cake is a white sponge cake in which only the egg white is used and about eight egg whites are needed to fill a cup. Sometimes a little larger proportion of sugar is used in this cake.

The sunshine cakes have more egg whites than yolks but the total amount would be about the same.

Such cakes as these may be baked in one loaf, long, round or square, or in layer cakes or small shapes. The smaller they are the quicker they will heat and cook through and hence the hotter the oven may be. Perhaps this is the reason we are more likely to bake small cakes and layer cakes in the gas and kerosene ovens which are difficult to adjust to the lower temperature needed for layer and richer cakes.

Eggs cook at low temperature and if a crust is formed too soon on the surface of the cake, the air bubbles beneath, when they are expanded by the heat, cannot lift the crust and the cake is rather tough and not as light as it should be. Sometimes there is a softer place in the crust which gives way to the pressure of hot air beneath and the cake cracks irregularly on top. About three hundred degrees Fahrenheit is the right temperature when a cake is put into the oven. The heat should increase gradually until the middle period of the time and then gradually decrease.

A large sponge cake should be put in a moderate oven which becomes a little hotter and then cooler toward the last.

When the cake is all in one loaf the oven should be of such a degree of heat that it may bake nearly an hour and still be a golden brown.

When we make cake, we should look to the oven heat first of all, remembering that it must not be too great. Next measure the materials, prepare the grated lemon rind and put the juice over it.

To mix the cake: Separate the yolks and whites of the four or five eggs, putting yolks in the mixing bowl. Beat the yolks till they become lighter colored and thicken slightly; add the one cup of sugar, mix and let stand while beating the whites. If we have two beaters, we use the wheel beater for the yolks and the whisk to beat the whites on a flat dish or platter. If not, we must wash the beater with which we have beaten the yolks, for the oily nature of the yolks might interfere with the stiffening of the white; or beat the whites first and transfer the beater directly to the yolks though I prefer the first method. Strain the lemon juice from the

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## RUMFORD

Chester G. Bissell of Wayne, Maine, has been elected a member of the school board of that town. Mr. Bissell was for a long time a resident of Rumford.

Company B, N. G. S. M., will hold a social dance at the Municipal Building, Tuesday evening, March 27. Music by Webber's orchestra.

Mr. and Mrs. Richmond L. Melcher of Pine street have left for a visit in New York City.

Mrs. Irma Freeman of South Rumford is recovering from a severe attack of pneumonia.

Warren Eddy, who has been learning the paper making business at the Oxford mill, has resigned and returned to his home in Portland.

Mrs. Small of Hancock street entertained the Ladies' Aid of the Methodist church on Tuesday afternoon at her home.

On Saturday afternoon, March 23, the Sunday school class of Mrs. Rose E. Swain will sell 30 loaves of cake made by the Universalist ladies at the store of Elliott W. Howe. The proceeds will go to the War Relief Fund.

Rev. John M. Arters was the speaker at a meeting of the Equal Suffrage League held at the high school building on Tuesday evening of this week.

Lemuel Whalen, a workman on the new dam is confined to his room with an injured leg, the result of a fall.

Mrs. P. P. Price has accepted the position of bookkeeper at the store of Leeb, Senter and Company.

Lee Abbott has taken some fine photographs of the work on the new dam and power house. The photos are handsomely mounted, and are on sale by Mr. Abbott.

Rev. and Mrs. Sidney Wakely of Clinton are visiting their son, Ernest A. Wakely and family, of Lincoln avenue.

Norton Mixer, who has been employed as draftsman for the International paper mill in this town, has left for Livermore Falls, where he has a similar position in the mill there.

The annual meeting of the Rumford Falls Village Corporation will take place the last Tuesday of this month.

Notices have been posted in the Oxford mill announcing that an advance in wages of ten per cent would go into effect April 1st. The reason for the advance is the high cost of living. At the Maple Coated paper mill the advance will not be general. Some of the employees whose wages are in keeping with the cost of living, will receive an increase, while those receiving wages not in keeping with the cost of living, will be given an increase, some more than others, but the average will amount to ten per cent.

Mr. Stephen R. Pennell states that he is a candidate for the office of assessor for the Rumford Falls Village Corporation.

Mrs. Emma Barker and children, Mrs. and Alphonse of North Leeds have been the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Tracy L. Barker of Lincoln avenue.

Miss Ruby Berry has returned from Washington, D. C., where she has been working in the interests of the Standard Publishing Company of Boston.

Mrs. H. L. Elliott and daughter, Olive, leave this week for Boston to make a visit with Mr. Elliott who is in that city receiving treatment for his throat.

Herbert McKenzie was a week end guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles McKenzie, of Phillips.

Miss Martha Mixer has returned from an extended stay in Boston and Orlington, Mass., New York City and New Haven, Conn. While in the last named city she was the guest of Miss Charlotte French who has charge of a fashion there.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Freeman, who have been visiting his sister, Mrs. Ernest Leach and family, have returned to their home in Bethel, Baskatchewan.

Mr. Freeman's sister, Miss Blanche Freeman, who has been visiting in town for some time, returned with them.

Mr. and Mrs. George Lapham have been spending a week with Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Thos at Houghton.

Alex McNeil has returned to his home in Walla, Mass., after a visit with his brother, Rufus McDonald and family. Mr. McDonald will stay in town for a few longer.

Mrs. Ralph Iyer of Penobscot street has been visiting with friends in Portland.

Mrs. Fred Lamy of Somerset

## UNSHAKEN TESTIMONY

Time is the test of truth. And Dean's Kidney Pills have stood the test in Bethel. No Bethel resident who suffers backache, or annoying urinary ills can remain unconvinced by this twice-told testimony.

Frank Heath, stationary engineer, R. F. D. No. 2, Bethel, says: "For several years I suffered from kidney trouble. I had sharp, shooting pains through the small of my back and had headaches and dizzy spells. I felt tired all the time and on getting up in the morning was stiff and sore. On the advice of a friend, I began using Dean's Kidney Pills. After two boxes, I noticed a great improvement in my health. The pains through the small of my back disappeared and the dizzy spells left me." (Statement given May 2, 1914.)

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street has been making a short stay in Portland.

Alton Bacon has begun work on his new store house.

The primary and grammar schools closed March 16th.

Mrs. Ralph M. Bacon visited her parents at East Oxford the first of the week.

Melroy E. Cummings of Portland is in town this week, visiting his uncle, Daniel Bryant of this village. Mr. Cummings is employed as an inspector of shells in the munition plant of the Portland Company.

The Weed families, who have been occupying the Beechey home for the past year, returned to Tamworth, N. H., last week. They were accompanied by David G. Dowling, who has also been employed here on the Ellyer contract.

The selectmen have as road commissioners, Geo. L. Cushman, who has for several years had charge of building the section of the State road, between this village and Locke's Mills. It is understood there will be two patrols employed for the State highway.

The Woodstock athletic club will play their second basketball game for the week with the Rumford Falls team, Thursday evening. Monday they had a contest with the West Paris team, which resulted in their defeat by one point.

Mercury registered zero at 7 o'clock, Monday morning.

Ingalls McAllister and family visited friends at West Bethel, Sunday.

Tuesday, Alton Hutchinson resumed his studies at Gould's Academy after a week's recess.

Mrs. W. H. Hutchinson was quite ill for a day or two last week after an attack of acute indigestion.

Mr. Frank Whitman, youngest son of the Rev. and Mrs. Eugene Z. Whitman, called at the home of his uncle, A. L. Whitman, March 16th.

H. M. Kenhall and daughter of Newry were at F. A. Moul's, recently.

All those who have been ill of grip colds are convalescent.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Crosby from the steam mill were here March 10th. Lyman Wheeler sawed wood with his engine for A. B. Grover and R. R. Mayberry a day or two last week.

Ingalls McAllister has finished building a two seated sleigh for himself.

The Lyon brothers from Bethel were at the farm, Sunday.

Ernest Cross has bought the late D. M. Grover barn of Messrs. Herrick & Park, and is tearing it down and will haul the lumber home for future use.

Attractive display of new goods at L. M. Stearns', Mar. 20 and 31. Adv.

WEST BETHEL.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Thurston spent Sunday at Bethel village.

Mrs. W. W. Goodridge and Miss Mabel Scribner are in Orono, N. H., to spend a few days with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. N. M. Scribner returned from Auburn, Monday.

Military Opening, Friday and Saturday, Mar. 20 and 31, at L. M. Stearns'.

## ANDOVER

The Ladies' Aid of the Congregational church met Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. Walter Marston.

The Juvenile Whist Club was entertained Saturday evening by Mr. Wm. Milton at the hotel. Lincoln Dresser won the first gentleman's prize and Mrs. Lewis Akers the first lady's prize. Delicious refreshments were served.

Mrs. Susan Mills Titus of Boston was the guest of her brother, I. E. Mills and family, over Sunday.

The Grange Sewing Circle held an all day meeting, Friday, at the home of Mrs. Wirt Loveloy.

Twenty-two new books have been added to the public library.

Mr. W. J. Wheeler, insurance agent, from South Paris was in town last week.

Lester Poor has been a recent guest of his daughter, Mrs. Elmer Clough, at Lewiston.

Owen Smith from Mexico visited his sister, Mrs. Bessie Hastings, recently.

Mrs. John Hewey and daughter, Mary, returned Thursday from a few days' visit in Lewiston.

The pupils of the high school played their drama at Rumford Corner last Friday evening, before a large audience. Mr. Frank Gordon of So. Andover carried them to Rumford.

Wm. Milton was at Frye, Saturday.

Eben Learned, who has been doing chores for Ray Thurston the past winter, has returned to his home.

Mrs. Gertrude Newhall has been quite ill.

Herbert Campbell and wife have been visiting friends in Upton this week.

Miss Irene Abbott has been visiting friends in Rumford and Peru the past week.

Sidney Abbott was operated on at McCarty's hospital, Rumford, Saturday.

S. G. Wheelwright from Dixfield was in town, Thursday last and delivered the new piano which has been purchased by the different societies for the town hall.

The U. B. M. of F. gave their drama and drill in the hall, Thursday evening, March 15. A large company was present. A chicken pie and pastry supper was served and dancing followed. About \$100 was taken.

The Ancient and Honorable Whist Club was entertained Saturday evening at the home of Walter Barnes.

The bowling alleys were thrown open for the guests and every one present had an enjoyable evening. A salad and pastry supper was served. Mrs. F. P. Thomas and Dr. F. E. Leslie were the first prizes, and Walter Barnes and Mrs. Fred Smith the second.

Mrs. George Abbott fell in the room Wednesday of last week and strained her hip. She fell down stairs several years ago and broke her hip and has been on crutches since.

Roger Thurston returned Monday to Anisecus Lake.

NEW ENGLAND MILK PRODUCERS' ASSOCIATION.

The executive committee of the New England Milk Producers' Association has voted to fix the price of milk to consumers for the six months beginning April 1, at approximately the price which prevailed during the winter, but a definite scale will not be adopted until certain matters at variance have been adjusted. A subcommittee, consisting of President F. W. Clark, Secretary Richard Patten and L. E. McIntire of the executive committee, appointed to study marketing conditions, has made several recommendations to the general committee and is in conference with certain contractors in regard to particular features of the scale.

It has been found that the present prices are not uniform at equal transportation distances and it is necessary that an equalization be arranged according to the cost of laying down milk in Boston. The committee has demanded that each contractor give to the producer supplying him the same premiums in all sections and it is also arranging that the contractors shall accept delivery at shipping points, the dealers to pay the freight and assume all risks of transportation.

Under new railroad regulations there is a variance in the transportation charge every 20 miles and the scale adopted must be arranged to conform with these charges. It is expected that the contractors will be called on to make several concessions in arriving at a final decision and the producers, also, will do their part in reaching an amicable arrangement.

Secretary Richard Patten stated that, in view of the increased cost of producing milk, particularly the much higher prices for labor and feed, the producers felt they were justly entitled to more than they demanded, but, in making their demands, they took into consideration the rights of the consumers and at the same time, considered the effect on consumption of any increase in price.

## WEST PARIS

DR. OCTAVIUS K. YATES.

After an illness from paralysis lasting over a period of two years Dr. Yates suffered the final shock on Thursday and on Sunday afternoon at five o'clock passed into the great beyond.

Until his illness Dr. Yates was a man of remarkable vigor, never suffering from any illness with the exception of an attack of pneumonia a few years ago. During the more than 55 years of active practice in West Paris he was always able to attend to his work and during the early period of his practice here, being the only settled physician; it was very steady and hard work to ride over these hills almost night and day. Dr. Yates was the only child of James and Amy (Cole) Yates and was born in Greenwood, Sept. 25, 1831. He was the grandson of Rev. William Yates the first settler in Greenwood who came from Scotland to Boston thence to Gloucester and later settled on Patch Mountain in 1800. Dr. Yates was educated in the public schools and at Gould's Academy and for several years engaged in other pursuits and somewhat later in life than many physicians studied with the late Dr. Tewksbury of Portland and at Bowdoin Medical School, coming to West Paris where he has held a large and successful practice and will be sincerely mourned by many families where he has been the family physician even to the third generation.

A man, kind, genial and generous, he gave unstintingly of his services to the poor. For many years he was a regular local correspondent of the Argus and also contributed articles of interest to other periodicals. Especially interesting have been some of his historical sketches of the village, also his account of the shooting of President Lincoln as he was in the theatre at the terrible tragedy. Dr. Yates was a member of Granite Lodge of Freemasons. In politics a democrat, in religious preference a Universalist, always giving for the support of the church.

He married Elizabeth D. Felt of Greenwood, who survives, and to them four children were born, Frank and Alton who died in childhood, Llewellyn who died in young manhood and Myrtle Dora who married Dr. Fred E. Wheeler and died several years ago. Dr. Yates is survived by neither children nor grandchildren. A few distant kinsmen survive, also several nieces and nephews of Mrs. Yates who have always visited often in the Yates home. Much sympathy goes out to the widow in her loneliness. The funeral was held from his late home, Wednesday, Rev. D. A. Dall officiating, and the interment will be in the family lot in West Paris Cemetery. There were pretty flowers.

Miss Lucy Everett has been a recent guest of friends in Readfield.

William F. Willis, who recently underwent a surgical operation at the Central Maine General Hospital in Lewiston, is gaining. Mrs. Willis spent last week with relatives in Auburn and visited him daily.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis M. Mann were at Bryant's Pond, Friday.

In a recent letter from A. L. Tubbs of Seffer, Fla., to friends here he says: "I have six acres of my land planted to corn, beans and potatoes, and my Irish potatoes are ready for tub use." It almost seems that Mr. Tubbs cannot be aware of the potato famine in Maine, or he might fear to many of his friends here would be visiting him in the South.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Jannan and daughter of Upton are guests of Mrs. Jannan's sister, Mrs. E. D. Curtis, and family.

Elvath D. Curtis is soon to have a bathroom and other modern improvements installed in his home.

Herman Abbott of Lawrence, Mass was a recent guest of his mother, Mrs. Julia Abbott, at C. H. Lane's.

Rev. G. H. Hamlen, D. D. United Baptist State Secretary, will preach at the Baptist church, Sunday, Mar. 27. A large revival services have been held for the past two weeks by the Methodist and Baptist societies. Rev. E. A. Davis was the worker for the Baptists the first week, and the second week the Methodist workers were Rev. C. I. Spear of South Paris for Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Wednesday evening a meeting for men only. Large attendance and growing interest. Friday evening Rev. J. A. Bletcher of Lewiston, sang sermons, at Baptist church, Sunday morning unless meeting in M. E. church, with Rev. H. G. McLaughlin of Gorham, N. H. morning and evening.

Saturday evening the junior class of West Paris High school presented the drama, "Country Folks," in Grange Hall to a large and appreciative audience. The drama was coached by Mrs. John P. Wood and as usual gave credit to her director and each of the actors. The cast of characters was as follows:

Joel Dean, Howard Conant, Josiah Dean, Mabelle Allen, Martha Dean, Charlie Bacon, Nathaniel Dean, Mildred Conant, Polly Dean.

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OF THE

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At Bethel in the State of Maine, at

the close of business on Mar. 5, 1917.

RESOURCES.

1 Loans and discounts, \$50,104.07

2 Overdrafts, unsecured, 7.25

3 U. S. Bonds deposited to secure circulation (par value), 10,000.00

4 U. S. Bonds (not including stocks) owned and unpledged, 49,420.00

5 Stock of Federal Reserve Bank (50 per cent of subscription), 1,050.00

6 Furniture and fixtures, 85.75

7 Net amount due from approved reserve agents in other reserve cities, 9,378.10

8 Net amount due from banks and bankers (other than included in 12 or 20), 50,032.31

9 Outside checks and other cash items, 376.61

10 Fractional currency, nickels, and cents, 17.00

11 Notes of other national banks, 743.00

12 Lawful reserve in vault and net amount due from Federal Reserve Bank, 13,351.13

13 Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer and due from U. S. Treasurer, 500.00

Total, \$186,348.13

LIABILITIES.

14 Capital stock paid in, \$25,000.00

15 Surplus fund, 10,000.00

16 Undivided profit, 17,441.83

17 Less current expenses, interest and taxes paid, 378.10

18 Circulating notes outstanding, 10,000.00

19 Individual deposits subject to check, 122,336.40

20 Certified checks, 56.06

Total, \$186,348.13

STATE OF MAINE, COUNTY OF OXFORD, SS:

I, Elmer C. Park, Cashier of the

above named bank, do solemnly swear

that the above statement is true to the

best of my knowledge and belief.

ELMER C. PARK, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me

this 18th day of March, 1917.

H. H. HASTINGS, Notary Public.

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HENRY M. WALKER,

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A THOUGHT FOR TODAY.

Our work must be done honestly

and thoroughly, because we are now

men, whether we ever expect to be

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**LONDON & LANCASHIRE FIRE INS. CO., Ltd., Liverpool, England.**  
Assets Dec. 31, 1916

Real Estate	\$3,000,000.00
Stocks and Bonds	2,531,031.13
Cash in Office and Bank	721,948.88
Agents' Balances	725,411.01
Bills Receivable	1,846.41
Interest and Rents	52,993.28
All other Assets	451,129.52
<b>Gross Assets</b>	<b>\$5,297,722.60</b>
Deduct items not admitted	576,796.52
<b>Admitted Assets</b>	<b>\$4,720,926.08</b>
Liabilities Dec. 31, 1916	
Net Unpaid Losses	2,326,788.08
Unearned Premiums	2,847,292.58
All other Liabilities	71,281.23
Deposited Capital	200,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities	1,964,727.20
<b>Total Liabilities and Surplus</b>	<b>\$5,297,722.60</b>

**THE MASONIC PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION, WORCESTER, MASS.**  
Assets Dec. 31, 1916

Stocks and Bonds	\$127,112.00
Cash in Office and Bank	108,872.32
Interest and Rents	7,121.87
<b>Gross Assets</b>	<b>\$243,106.19</b>
Deduct items not admitted	9,147.15
<b>Admitted Assets</b>	<b>\$233,959.04</b>
Liabilities Dec. 31, 1916	
Net Unpaid Losses	\$108,718.87
Unearned Premiums	143,842.87
All other Liabilities	18,798.40
Cash Capital	100,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities	51,600.00
<b>Total Liabilities and Surplus</b>	<b>\$243,106.19</b>

**GENERAL INDEMNITY CORPORATION OF AMERICA, ROCHESTER, NEW YORK.**  
Assets Dec. 31, 1916

Stock and Bonds (Book Value)	\$300,719.12
Cash in Office and Bank	17,266.71
Bills Receivable	412.30
Interest and Rents	8,539.13
<b>Gross Assets</b>	<b>\$326,937.26</b>
Deduct items not admitted	811,274.75
<b>Admitted Assets</b>	<b>\$115,662.51</b>
Liabilities Dec. 31, 1916	
Unearned Premiums	\$88,748.00
All other Liabilities	26,914.51
Cash Capital	\$500,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities	\$15,000.00
<b>Total Liabilities and Surplus</b>	<b>\$115,662.51</b>

## POEMS WORTH READING

**WHATEVER IS, IS BEST.**  
(Ella Wheeler Wilcox.)  
I know as my life grows older,  
That mine eyes have clearer sight,  
That under each dark corner,  
Somewhere  
There lies the root of Right;  
That each sorrow has its purpose,  
By the sorrowing oft unguessed,  
But as sure as the sun brings morning  
Whatever is, is best.

I know that each sinful action,  
As sure as the night brings shade,  
Is somewhere, sometime punished,  
Tho' the hour be long delayed,  
I know that the soul is aided  
Sometimes by the heart's unrest,  
And to grow means often to suffer—  
But whatever is, is best.

I know there are no errors  
In the great eternal plan,  
And all things work together  
For the final good of man.  
And I know when my soul speeds onward  
In its grand eternal quest,  
As sure as I look back earthward,  
Whatever is, is best.

**SYMPATHY.**  
(By Mrs. S. M. Walsh.)  
Oh mothers whose children are sleeping,  
Thank God for their pillows tonight;  
And pray for the mothers now weeping,  
O'er pillows too smooth and too white;  
Where bright little heads oft have lain,  
And soft little cheeks have been pressed;  
Oh mothers who know not this pain,  
Take courage to bear all the rest!

For the somber-winged angel is going  
With pitiless flight o'er the land,  
And we wake in the morn, ever knowing  
That he has been in the night;  
And his eyes that shrink from the light,  
Oh mothers whose children are sleeping,  
Pay, pray for the mothers now weeping,  
O'er pillows too smooth and too white.

**MY NEIGHBOR AND I.**  
"Oh, pity my neighbor over the way,  
Who has nothing to do but to yawn all day;  
No little hands to fumble her hair,  
No little "suspense" to vex her with care,  
No little "torment" to worry and tease,  
Nothing to do but to consult her own ease.  
Fear, rich, neighbor, I am sorry for you,  
Sorrow, because you have "nothing to do."  
Sorrow, because as the days go by  
You are restless and weary, you know not why.

And once in a while I can see the trace  
Of many a tear on your proud, fair face.  
You see I am only a laborer's wife,  
Deleg my part in the treadmill of life,  
Jen, my husband, is off all day,  
Fighting the giants of want away;  
Baby and I are busy too,  
But we're plenty of time to be sorry for you.

Baby's a nuisance, a plague and a joy,  
But then, you see, he's my own sweet boy.  
I have no time for a groan or a sigh,  
No time to be idle as the days go by;  
My arms are full as the days are long,  
Full as my heart with its happy song,  
I wish, rich neighbor, over the way,  
Watching my baby and so at play,  
What of your wealth if your heart is bare?

"To be loved and to love that makes life fair."  
Oh, neighbor mine, I can tell you true,  
Indeed, I'd rather be I than you."

**LAUGHING AT LIFE.**  
Laughing at life as we go, laughing at life  
In all the way,  
Its little burdens of grief and care that  
Drift in the clouds of gray;  
Laughing at life as we tell in the tide  
Of the falling throng,  
With a smile when it rains the tears  
At the race in a world of song.

**DON'T LET YOUR COUGH HANG ON.**  
A cough that racks and weakens  
Is dangerous, it endangers your health  
And thrives on neglect. Believe it or not,  
It can be cured by Dr. King's New Discovery.  
This coughing balsam (cure) breaks the throat,  
Keeps the lungs healthy, and the cough  
Is quickly broken up. Children  
and grown-ups alike find Dr. King's  
New Discovery pleasant to take as well  
as effective. Have a bottle handy in  
your medicine chest for croup, croup  
and all bronchial affections. At drug  
stores, 50c a bottle.

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Annual Statements of a Few of the Companies Represented.

**PROVIDENCE WASHINGTON INSURANCE COMPANY, PROVIDENCE, R. I.**  
Assets Dec. 31, 1916

Real Estate	\$109,000.00
Mortgage Loans	53,000.00
Stocks and Bonds	3,592,539.15
Cash in Office and Bank	307,178.20
Agents' Balances	89,373.11
Bills Receivable	11,068.49
Interest and Rents	18,486.86
All other Assets	1,059,959.85
<b>Gross Assets</b>	<b>\$5,220,000.86</b>
Deduct items not admitted	63,992.93
<b>Admitted Assets</b>	<b>\$5,156,007.93</b>
Liabilities Dec. 31, 1916	
Net Unpaid Losses	\$420,532.16
Unearned Premiums	2,804,531.03
All other Liabilities	75,000.00
Cash Capital	1,000,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities	1,456,500.54
<b>Total Liabilities and Surplus</b>	<b>\$5,156,007.93</b>

**HARTFORD FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, HARTFORD, CONN.**  
Assets Dec. 31, 1916

Real Estate	\$715,577.93
Mortgage Loans	430,500.00
Collateral Loans	5,000.00
Stocks and Bonds	23,758,310.69
Cash in Office and Bank	2,208,002.48
Agents' Balances	3,516,421.93
Bills Receivable	15,485.72
Interest and Rents	278,502.23
All other Assets	65,052.37
<b>Gross Assets</b>	<b>\$31,182,370.43</b>
Deduct items not admitted	1,304,021.12
<b>Admitted Assets</b>	<b>\$29,878,349.31</b>
Liabilities Dec. 31, 1916	
Net Unpaid Losses	\$1,997,763.50
Unearned Premiums	17,773,222.57
All other Liabilities	1,025,000.00
Cash Capital	2,000,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities	7,082,226.14
<b>Total Liabilities and Surplus</b>	<b>\$29,878,349.31</b>

## THE NATIONAL CAPITAL Events of Interest From Washington.

By J. E. Jones.

**THE TROUBLE IN THE SENATE.**  
The principle part of the information that has gone out about the Senate filibuster, is misinformation. The correspondent of the Citizen sat in the Senate gallery, and was an eye witness to the affair which caused so much indignation.

Two or three hours before noon on March 4, the democratic majority captured the so-called filibuster, and did not allow the "little group of wilful men" to speak upon the question of armed neutrality. Their avowed intention was to prevent Senator La Follette, whom they looked upon as an arch-conspirator, from making a speech. Therefore, in reality, the filibuster toward the close of the session was conducted wholly by the supporters of President Wilson, who took this way of getting even with the obstructionists.

Incidental to the inauguration the Senate met in special session on March 4, for the purpose of confirming the Presidential nominations. President Wilson seized the point of vantage to enable him to demand a change in the rules of the Senate so that means would be provided to force a vote upon any measure pending in the Senate. The rules of the Senate have heretofore allowed for unlimited debate, and more than one great public measure has been talked to death in the closing hours of Congress.

That part of the metropolitan press, which has been insistent for war for a year or more, has gone so far as to use the word "traitor," and to compare certain Senators of the United States with Benedict Arnold, because they have disagreed with the President in his course in dealing with Germany. Such talk is likely intended to create excitement among people who are not fully informed; but those who are keeping clear heads are inclined to listen to reason, as voiced by Senator Cummins, who with his colleagues, Senator Keaton is among the "little group of wilful men." Cummins in one of the great speeches of the session, expressed the belief that American sentiment needed reviving so that the people would "stand by the Government," rather than "by the President."

No sane person should repeat the charge that men in the Senate, fearlessly disagreeing with either the metropolitan press or the President, are lacking in patriotism. These are days when there is a great difference of opinion throughout the country, and former President Roosevelt and former President Taft, and others of good presidential size, including Senators Cummins and La Follette have differed with President Wilson. And it would be far from wise to question the loyalty of men like Senators Keaton, Norris, Steiwer, O'Donoghue, Kirby, Vandaman, and the remaining members of the minority group.

Most of these men disagree with the President with reference to arming ships that carry ammunition to the Alton, but they do not disagree that ships that do not carry ammunition might be armed and protected by the force of the United States.

In strenuous times like these men that believe their attitude may affect the country to such an extent as to draw it into war are using their best patriotic judgment in upholding the honor of America and its institutions. After all Uncle Sam is not looking for unnecessary trouble, and the Administration

at the years, laughing at doubt and distress, laughing at weakness and fear; laughing at life, ah, yes! for what is our life but a gleam Where the young go by in a dance and the old go back in a dream

**SEND THEM TO BED WITH A KISS.**  
O mothers, so weary, discouraged,  
Worn out with the cares of the day,  
You often grow cross and impatient,  
Complain of the noise and the play;  
For the day brings so many vexations,  
So many things going amiss;  
But mothers, whatever may vex you,  
Send the children to bed with a kiss!

The dear little feet wander often,  
Perhaps from the pathway of right,  
The dear little hands do new mischief,  
To try you from morning till night;  
But think of the desolate mothers  
Who'd give all the world for your bliss,  
And, as thanks for your infinite blessings,  
Send the children to bed with a kiss!

For some day their noise will not vex you,  
The silence will hurt you far more;  
You will long for their sweet childish voices,  
For a sweet childish face at the door;  
And to press a child's face to your bosom,  
You'll give all the world for just this!  
For the comfort 'twill bring you in sorrow,  
Send the children to bed with a kiss!

## GERMAN AMERICAN INSURANCE CO., NEW YORK.

Assets Dec. 31, 1916

Real Estate	\$1,750,000.00
Mortgage Loans	26,150.00
Collateral Loans	250,000.00
Stocks and Bonds	18,830,076.00
Cash in Office and Bank	875,056.71
Agents' Balances	1,907,454.35
Bills Receivable	10,720.45
Interest and Rents	104,929.26
All other Assets	17,659.25
<b>Gross Assets</b>	<b>\$23,841,046.53</b>
Deduct items not admitted	127,768.56
<b>Admitted Assets</b>	<b>\$23,713,277.96</b>
Liabilities Dec. 31, 1916	
Net Unpaid Losses	\$908,399.62
Unearned Premiums	9,753,444.78
All other Liabilities	2,000,000.00
Cash Capital	2,000,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities	10,759,423.29
<b>Total Liabilities and Surplus</b>	<b>\$23,713,277.96</b>

transported, should govern. The defendant received and unloaded a car of lumber attempting thereby to cover up the fact by certifying under weight. In one case a single concern was fined on ten counts for furnishing false description of lumber shipments, and the fines imposed amounted to more than \$40,000.

Apples shipped in bulk, and apples shipped in boxes, are of two different rates; and in a case that has come to light it appears the shipper made a practice of describing shipments of bulk apples as apples in boxes, thus defeating the lawful rate. A fine of several hundred dollars was imposed.

The Interstate Commerce Commission comments that prosecutions in different localities have effectively prevented further attempts of shippers to evade the provisions of the law. When an example is made it appears to have a far-reaching effect.

**HEBRON.**  
The dance held at the Grange hall, Friday evening, was well attended. The Out Go Club met with Miss Marion Cummings, Saturday afternoon. After the business was finished a rehearsal for the drama was held. A dainty lunch was served by Miss Cummings.

The Christian Endeavor meeting Sunday evening was led by Rev. Stearns. Rev. Mr. Griffiths presented the society with a charter. Miss Ellen Glover is spending her vacation at her home here. Miss Mary Olson of grievant House spent the week end at Miss Elizabeth Cookman.

Forest Conant, who has been visiting in Bethel, returned at Sunday evening. Miss Vera Bray is at home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. Bray. Miss Marion Hamill of Hartsville home was able to come, but Friday, after her recent illness.

Mrs. A. A. Conant is in Lewiston, Friday. Miss Louise Bean (West Minot) is visiting her sister, Elsie, at Portland, Friday.

**GLEAM AWAY THE WASTE.**  
How regularly the secret of good health, bright eyes, clear complexion, and Dr. King's New Life Pills are a natural gentle laxative that regulates the bowels and relieves the congested system by removing the accumulated waste without griping. Take a before retiring and that heavy body that dull spring fever feeling disappears. Get Dr. King's New Life Pills your druggist, Mr. Philbrick.

The typical manner in which attempts are made to evade the law is shown by a case in which the defendant specified a cartload of lumber, and delivered it at the point of destination. The tariff provided a charge for the depending upon the weight, and further provided that an estimated weight, based upon the number of feet lumber

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It hardly seems possible country who continues to suffer from Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, that it is continually being contradicted that this grand more suffering among women the world.

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**WHEN TO HATCH YOUR CHICKS.**  
By G. B. Conkey.

The early spring is the time when the poultry raiser's thoughts are in largest measure turned to the subject of chick raising, and so it is timely now to consider when to do the hatching. Far oftener than is generally known, the season's results depend on just when the chicks are brought out, and the beginner is naturally the worst offender in bringing out chicks at the proper time.

**HATCHING FOR BROILERS.**  
Where incubators are in use and especially where they are in inexperienced hands, the tendency seems to be to produce as many chicks as possible in a season. This often means the mistake of both starting the hatching too late in the season and confining it too late into the hot weather. Of course, when early chicks are wanted for broilers there is an excuse for hatching early, but experience is necessary for a venture of this kind and the equipment in houses, broilers, etc., must be right if success is to be had. Besides, high prices are obtained for early broilers only because of the risk you run in producing them. On this account it is better for the beginner to go slow in attempting to raise winter chicks.

**CLIMATE AND BREED FACTORS.**  
As with many other phases of the poultry business, you cannot say there is any hard and fast rule about the time of hatching, for allowances must be made for the variation in climate in different sections of the country. The breed also should be considered as well as the purpose for which the stock is intended. Even the equipment at hand for properly handling the chicks enters into the proper timing of hatching. Ordinarily there is no necessity for getting chicks out before the coming of real spring weather. Then, conditions are right for keeping them healthy and making a quick growth with very little danger of chick losses.

**IMPORTANCE OF THE EGG.**  
The egg from which the chick is to be hatched is also an important consideration, for the chick can be no better than the egg. Breeding stock that is necessarily closely confined during the winter months will not lay as many eggs as desirable for hatching as the eggs that come later on when the weather permits the birds to run out at leisure at least a part of the time. The change is much needed. It means more activity, and results in better egg fertility because conditions that approach nearer to what nature intended for the breeding fowl. Just about this time too, the birds should be doing their best laying, working off the excess fat which lessens egg fertility. Since successful chick raising depends largely on the use of good eggs, try to handle your breeding stock in such a way that the eggs will be right at the time you plan to use them.



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## LARGE AND SMALL BREEDS.

In the Northern States, the last of April and early part of May is perhaps the best time for getting out the chicks.

The heavier breeds requiring more time to mature, are better hatched as early as the season will allow, while with smaller breeds like the Leghorns there is no reason for rushing things, for if hatched in May they will start laying in Fall when egg prices are commencing to get attractive. There is a serious objection to hatching small breeds earlier than April for when this is done there is danger, if they make a satisfactory growth, of their going into a molt before winter, perhaps after laying a few eggs. The waste of time in growing the unnecessary new coat of feathers means quite a loss to their owner.

## HATCHING AT ONE TIME.

Where chicks do not have the advantage of free range, or where the different ages cannot be yarded separately until they reach maturity, by far the best plan is to hatch all the chicks that are to be raised at about the same time, or with not more than a couple of weeks variation. If there is much difference in the age of chicks raised together in confinement, the larger ones may turn out as expected but it is quite certain the younger breeds will prove a sore disappointment. The bigger chicks will get the best of the feed and also be a constant annoyance to the smaller ones.

## LATE HATCHING NOT ADVISED.

It is not advisable to hatch chicks after May for with the coming of summer heat the breeding stock lives in vigor and there is great danger of over heating the small chicks in the hot sun or by confining them to poorly constructed or poorly ventilated coops. Late chicks seldom make good size and their untimely condition encourages various diseases. Chickens, poults and calls are always found more troublesome among these late hatches.

## LOOKER'S MILLS.

Marion Swift of Lewiston was a guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Swift, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Perry Lapshaw of Westbrook were Sunday guests at H. P. Farrington's.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Morgan visited with her parents, Elizabeth Crocker and wife, at Bryant's Pond, Sunday.

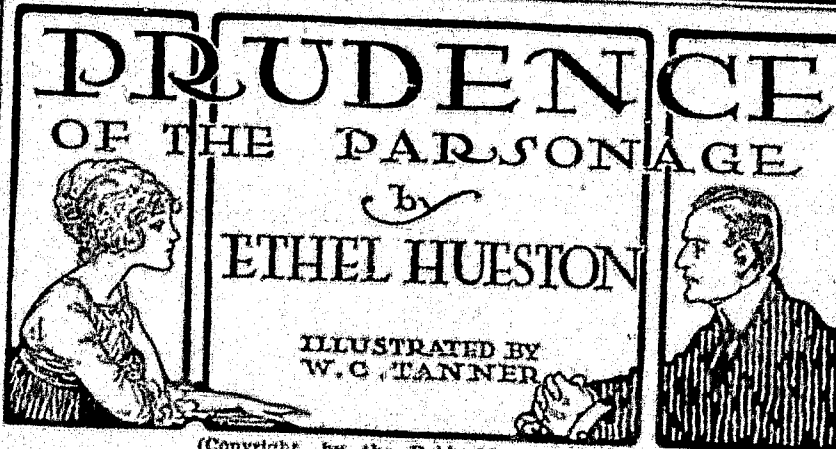
Mrs. W. H. Crocker attended grange at Bryant's Pond, Saturday.

Mrs. H. E. York of Bethel visited the week end with Mrs. Mary Dart.

Rev. T. C. Chapman of Bethel preached a sermon for the Boy Scouts, Sunday.

Mrs. L. H. Hodgkins returned to Brooksville, N. Y., Saturday, after staying with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Bennett, for several months.

Mr. and Mrs. Quincy Perkins of Bryant's Pond visited with Mrs. Mary Dart, Sunday.



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## PRUDENCE OF THE PARSONAGE

by ETHEL HUESTON

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## SYNOPSIS.

CHAPTER I.—Prudence Starr, eldest of five motherless girls, comes to the Starr parsonage at Mount Mark, as house mother for her father, the Methodist minister.

CHAPTER II.—The girls entertain a visiting minister at luncheon, to his discomfort. Carol, one of the twins, sides the family cow with disastrous results.

CHAPTER III.—Prudence and Fairy receive the Ladies' Aid society while Lark, Carol and Connie practice modeling in mud on the dining room table.

CHAPTER IV.—The twins prepare a constance for initiation into their private secret society with results unexpected to themselves.

CHAPTER V.—When Fairy entertains Eugene Babler in the evening, the twins convince Prudence that stoves are small places in the Starr family.

CHAPTER VI.—Connie practices economy by borrowing from one of the trustees to buy a new dress, and unconsciously teaches the church pillars a lesson.

"I think it was Sunday he left it," answered Fairy in a low voice. "I remember seeing it on the wall, and thinking he would need it—but I believe it was Sunday."

Prudence looked under the bed, and in the closet, but their father's room was empty. Should they go farther? For a moment, the girls stood looking at one another questioningly. Then—

they heard a loud thud downstairs, as if someone pouncing on a door. There was no longer any doubt. Someone was in the house! Connie and the twins screamed again and clung to Prudence frantically. And Fairy said, "I think we'd better lock the door and stay right here until morning, Prudence."

But Prudence faced them stubbornly. "If you think I'm going to let anyone steal that fifty dollars, you are mistaken. Fifty dollars does not come often enough for that, I can tell you."

"It's probably stolen already," objected Fairy.

"Well, if it is, we'll find out who did it, and have them arrested. I'm going down to telephone to the police. You girls must lock the door after me, and stay right here."

The little ones screamed again, and Fairy said, "Don't be silly, Prudence. If you go I'm going with you, of course. We'll leave the kiddies here and they can lock the door. They'll be perfectly safe in here."

But the children loudly objected to this. If Prudence and Fairy went, they would go! So down the stairs they trooped, a timorous trembling crowd. Prudence went at once to the telephone, and called up the residence of the Allans, their neighbors across the street.

After a seemingly never-ending wait, the kind-hearted neighbor left his bed to answer the latest telephone call. Faintly Prudence explained their predicament, and asked him to come and search the house. He promised to be there in five minutes, with his son to help.

"Now," said Prudence more cheerfully, "we'll just go out to the kitchen and wait. It's quiet there, and away from the rest of the house, and we'll be perfectly safe." To the kitchen, then, they hurried, and found real comfort in its smallness and secureness. Prudence raked up the dying embers of the fire, and fairly drew the blinds to their lowest limits. The twins and Connie trailed them fearfully at every step.

Every breath of wind against the windows drew startled cries from the younger girls, and both Fairy and Prudence were white with anxiety when they heard the loud voices of the Allans outside the kitchen door. Prudence began crying nervously the moment the two angels of mercy appeared before her, and Fairy told their tale of woe.

"Well, there now," Mr. Allan said with rough sympathy, "you just rest scared, that's all. Everything's suspicious when folks get scared. I told my wife the other day I bet you girls would get a good fright sometime, left here alone. Come on, Jim, and we'll go over the house in a jiffy."

He was standing near the dining-room door. He lifted his head suddenly, and seemed to sniff a little. There was undoubtedly a faint odor of tobacco in the house.

"Been any men in here tonight?" he asked. "Or this afternoon? Think, now?"

"No one," answered Prudence. "I was alone all afternoon, and there has been no one in this evening."

He passed slowly through the dining room into the hall, closely followed by his son and the five girls, almost breathless. As he passed the dining-room door he paused for a moment, listening intently, his head bent.

"Oh, Mr. Allan," cried Prudence, "let's look in the dining-room. I want to see if the money is safe." Her hand was already on the lock, but he shoved her away quickly.

"Is there any way out of that closet besides this door?" he asked.

"No. We call it the 'dungeon,'"

laughed Prudence, her self-possession quite recovered. "It is right under the stairs, and it's a terrible place."

"Well, it's not a terrible place," said Mr. Allan, "but it's a place where you can hide things. Now, I want you to go and look in that closet."

Call the girls down here," he ordered, and when they appeared, gazing at the door with mingled admiration, pity and fear, he commanded them with considerable excitement.



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"I'm Limber-Limb Grant," as explained, "There's a reward of five hundred dollars for him. You'll get the money, as sure as you're born."

Then he turned again to the burglar. "Say, Grant, what a fellow like you doing on such a fifth-rate job as this? A Methodist parsonage is not just in your line, is it?"

Limber-Limb laughed sheepishly. "Well," he explained good-naturedly, "Chicago got too hot for me. I had to get out in a hurry, and I couldn't get my hands on any money. I had a fine lot of jewels, but I was so pushed I couldn't use them. I came here and loafed around town for a while, because folks said Mount Mark was so fast asleep it did not even wake up long enough to read the daily papers. I heard about this parsonage bunch, and knew the old man had gone off to get more religion. This afternoon at the station I saw a detective from Chicago get off the train, and I knew what that meant. But I needed some cash, and so I wasn't above a little job of this kind. I never dreamed of getting done up by a bunch of preacher's kids. I went upstairs to get those family jewels I've heard about, and one of the little ones gave the alarm. I already had some of them, so I came down at once. I stopped in the dining room to get that money, and first thing I knew the door banged shut. That's all. You're welcome to the five hundred dollars, ladies. Someone was bound to get it sooner or later, and I'm partial to the ladies, every time."

Mr. Starr on Thursday morning had taken the early eastbound train to Burlington. He attended the evangelistic services at the tabernacle in the afternoon and evening, and then went to bed at the hotel. He slept late the next morning. When he finally appeared the clock came at once from behind the door, drew near.

"We've just been reading about your girls, sir," said the clerk respectfully. "It's a pretty nifty little bunch! You must be proud of them!"

"My girls!" ejaculated Mr. Starr. "Haven't you seen the morning paper? You're Mr. Starr, the Methodist minister at Mount Mark, aren't you?"

"I am! But what has happened to my girls? Is anything wrong? Give me the paper!"

Five minutes later Mr. Starr and his suitcase were in a taxicab speeding toward Union station, and within eight minutes he was en route for Mount Mark—white in the face, shaky in the knees, but tremendously proud in spirit.

Arriving at Mount Mark, he was instantly surrounded by an exclamatory crowd of station loungers. The name of Prudence was upon every tongue, and her father heard it with satisfaction. In the parsonage he found at least two-thirds of the Ladies' Aid society, the trustees and the Sunday-school superintendent, along with a miscellaneous assortment of ordinary members, mixed up with Presbyterians, Baptists and a few unclassified outsiders. And Prudence was the center of attention.

She was telling the "whole story," for perhaps the fifteenth time that morning, but she broke off when her father hurried in and flung her arms about him. "Oh, papa," she cried, "they mustn't praise me. I had no idea there was a burglar in the house when I ran down the stairs, and I honestly can't see that much credit is due me."

But Mount Mark did not take it so calmly. And as for the Methodist church—well, the Presbyterian people used to say there was "no living with those Methodists, since the girls caught a burglar in the parsonage." Of course it was important, from the Methodist point of view. Pictures of the parsonage and the church were in all the papers for miles around, and at their very next meeting the trustees decided to get the piano the Sunday school had been needing for the last hundred years!

When the five hundred dollars arrived from Chicago, Prudence felt that personally she had no real right to the money. "We must divide it," she insisted, "for I didn't earn it a bit more than any of the others. But it is perfectly glorious to have five hundred dollars, isn't it? Did you ever have five hundred dollars before? Just take it, father, and use it for whatever we need. It's family money."

Neither the younger girls nor their father would consent to this. But when Prudence pleaded with them earnestly, they decided to divide it.

"I will deposit two hundred and fifty dollars for the four younger ones," he said, "and that will leave you as much."

So it was settled, and Prudence was a happy girl when she saw it safely put away in the bank.

## CHAPTER VIII.

Remorse Carries.

Sometimes, Methodists, or Presbyterians, or heretics—whatever we may be—we are irresistibly impelled to the conclusion that things were simply bound to happen! However slight the



"Sometimes Will You Let Me Ride Your Wheel?"

summer, of Mattie's school, rejoicing that one more week would bring freedom from books for Mattie and the younger parsonage girls.

Then said Prudence: "Isn't it great fun to ride a bicycle? I love it. Sometime will you let me ride your wheel?"

"Why, certainly. You may ride now if you like."

"No," said Prudence slowly. "I used to ride, but am afraid it would not do now. Some of the members might see me, and—well, I am very grown-up now. Of course, of course, I'll ride for business, but it would be nothing but a frolf with me. I want to go early in the morning, when the world is fast asleep. Let me take it tomorrow morning, will you?"

"Yes, of course you may," was the hearty answer. "You may stay out as long as you like. I always sleep late on Saturdays."

So Prudence delightedly tripped up the parsonage board walk, wheeling the bicycle by her side. She hid it carefully in the woodshed, for the twins were rash and venturesome. But after she had gone to bed, she considered her plan to Fairy.

"I'm going at six o'clock, and Fairy, if I am a little late, you'll get breakfast for papa and the girls, like a dear, won't you?"

Fairy promised. And early the next morning Prudence, in red sweater, jacket and cap, set out upon her secret ride. It was a magnificent morning, and Prudence sang for pure delight as she rode swiftly along the country roads, guided only by her own caprice. She knew it was growing late, but Fairy'll get breakfast," she thought, comfortably.

Finally she turned in a by-road leading between two rich hickory groves. Dismounting at the top of a long hill, she gazed anxiously around her. No one was in sight. The nearest house was two miles behind, and the road was long and smooth and inviting. Prudence prepared for a good, soul-stirring coast, with her feet high on the framework of the wheel, and the pedals flying around beneath her skirts. It seemed safe. The only living thing in sight was a sober-eyed, serious rattle snake, fully grazing near the bottom of the hill.

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initiative commission that it has reduced its rates within the territory served by it within this State in a schedule not exceeding five cents per kilowatt hour for lighting, one cent per kilowatt hour for heating and for power and that it be authorized, service and all other charges are in proportion therewith, and that it is able to produce a surplus of electric current for which it has not market within its territory."

Another bill by Rep. Peterson of Ansonia would provide for the sale and forfeiture of vehicles carrying intoxicating liquor intended for illegal sale.

Rep. Boynton of Lincoln introduced an act providing that the salaries of judges of probate, registers of probate, clerks of judicial courts, sheriffs, county commissioners, registers of deeds and county treasurers of the several counties shall be paid in equal monthly payments on the last day of each month.

Both branches of the legislature on Tuesday morning of last week adjourned the hour of meeting to 9:30 A. M. instead of 10 A. M., and the legislature was informed of the importance of presenting all measures last week if they had any desire to close their legislative work of this term with the month of March.

They did even better than this on Friday morning when they met at nine o'clock. But this was in order that all members of the legislature, Governor Milliken, his staff, the executive council, their ladies and other invited guests might take the special train about noon to go to Portland for the great preparatory meeting held there Friday afternoon. Governor Milliken and S. Stanwood Menken of New York, organizer and president of the National Security League, were the speakers.

The committee on inland fisheries and game presented two reports on act to repeal the law providing for a close time for Sunday hunting. The minority report, ought to pass, is signed by Sen. Hastings of Androscoggin and Reps. Webb of Cherryfield, O'Connell of Millsbrook and Berry of Waterville, while the majority report ought not to pass, is signed by Senators Chick of Kennebec and Merrill of

Somerset and Reps. Flint of Monson, McNally of Ashland, Babb of Sebago and Stanley of Dixfield.

The committee on public utilities reported ought to pass a new draft and with new title on act to require automatic signals at certain grade crossings not protected by gates or flagmen, and declares obstruction or interference with the performance of any act authorized or required hereunder a misdemeanor and provides a fine of not more than \$25 or imprisonment of not more than 30 days. The provision is eliminated of forfeiture of \$1,000 by any railroad company failing to comply with the provisions of the act. The supreme judicial court is given jurisdiction at law and in equity however to enforce compliance of any order issued by the Public Utilities Commission under this act.

The bill authorizing the Oxford Electric Co. to extend its lines to Hebron and to purchase the electrical equipment and franchise of the Hebron Academy was taken up last Wednesday and Rep. Baxter offered an amendment, preventing the company from transmitting electrical current out of the State, etc., which brought on a lively debate and discussion of an hour's duration. Speaker Bonney ruled the amendment not germane to the bill, from which Rep. Baxter appealed. The discussion took a somewhat wide range and went through the water and electrical questions, points of order and interrup-

tions, until the sentiment of the House as shown by Rep. Baxter to withdraw the appeal, saying he would take up the matter at another time. He also withdrew his amendment and the entire House joined in applause at this method of cutting the knot. The bill was then given its third reading and passed to be engrossed.

The act to extend the charter of the Ramford Falls and Bethel Street Railway has met no opposition in its legislative course.

Rep. Hutchins of Mexico had amended the act relating to the terms of court in Oxford county, so as to abolish the March term, the February term to meet on the second Tuesday at Paris and the May term on the second Tuesday at Ramford, with grand jury sessions at each. The bill then proceeded to its way.

Mr. Gannett from the committee on public utilities reported "ought to pass" on bill, "An act to authorize Oxford Electric Company to extend its electrical lines to and within the town of Hebron, and to purchase the electrical equipment and franchise of trustees of Hebron Academy." (The rules were suspended and the bill given its two several readings.)

**MARSHALL DISTRICT.**

Miss Nina Briggs returned to her school, Monday, after spending her vacation at her home.

Mrs. Myra Lord of South Paris is visiting Mrs. Lydia Fernald.

Miss Irene Briggs called at Will Hall's last Friday.

Misses Nina and Irene Briggs were one day last week.

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Fred Hazeltine of North Waterford visited his aunt, Mrs. Lydia Fernald, last Friday.

Mrs. Nell Flint went to South Waterford, Wednesday.

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**GOULD'S ACADEMY**

Rev. W. C. Curtis visited on Monday.

Mr. Ray Parker spent the week in South Paris.

Miss Vivian Jackson was unable to attend school last week.

Miss Ermine Rabideau visited on Wednesday, March 21.

John Chase has returned to resume his studies in the Junior Class.

Miss Ethel Eagle was absent from school, Monday, on account of illness.

Miss Laura Cummings entered Freshman Class at the beginning of this term.

The Academy Heralds were distributed Monday at the close of the morning session.

The Y. W. C. A. girls sold popcorn and home-made candy at the picture Friday evening.

Miss Florence Chapman, Miss Dorothy McDowell and Mr. Edward Brown were visitors at school last Friday.

The first Y. M. C. A. meeting of the term was held last Thursday. Lorenzo Kimball was leader, his topic being, "Our Example; What Shall Be?"

The first Y. W. C. A. meeting of the spring term was held Wednesday afternoon at Holden Hall. Miss Blanche Herick was leader, the topic being "Cowardice."

The Athletic Association will hold social in the near future. A committee has been chosen consisting of Miss Cummings, Ernestine Philbrook, John Chase and Vivian Hutchins.

The last game of the season between the Red Bandanas and Blue Bandanas was played Thursday afternoon in the gymnasium, the game resulting with a score of 20 to 6 in favor of the Blues.

**THE ACADEMY FAIR.**

The Academy Fair, which was postponed from last term, will be held in the Grange Hall on Thursday afternoon of the present week. The chief object of the Fair is to secure funds for needed repairs and improvements about the Academy building, and to this end all should wish to help. All kinds of useful and fancy articles will be on sale.

The Alumni Committee, consisting of Misses Mildred Bosserman, Mona Martyn and Elizabeth Leslie will offer for sale a variety of articles, contributed by loyal alumni from far and near. Contributions to this department are still solicited from all alumni and ex-students. This committee will also serve tea.

The Senior Committee will display all kinds of fancy articles, illustrating the deft handwork of members of the class and interested friends. A generous patronage of this department will help the class toward defraying graduation expenses.

The Junior Committee will offer for sale G. A. pennants, armlets, pillows, and all kinds of domestic articles. We bespeak for this department a generous patronage.

The Epheмери Committee will have in charge, not only the ever alluring fish pond, but will also offer for sale fancy and domestic articles such as can be found in no other department.

The Freshman Committee will tempt you with the finest assortment of home-made candy ever shown in Bethel. Don't fail to take a generous quantity home with you.

The Y. W. C. A. Committee will conduct a feed sale, and will also serve ice cream and cake. These girls are trying to earn money to send delegates to Camp Mahanik next summer. Your generous patronage of this department will be a distinct help to a worthy cause.

The entertainment in the evening, also in the Grange Hall, has been gotten up quickly, but will display a variety of talent in skits. It is hoped the young people will be greeted by a large and not too critical audience.

**PROGRAMME.**

Piano duet, Misses Darle Ordway and Marjorie Farwell.  
Dedication, Net Gully, Harry Young.  
Violin Solo, Philip Brown.  
Selection, Boys' Chorus.  
Dedication, The Morning of Misses A. Ridge, Robert Hanson and Ch.